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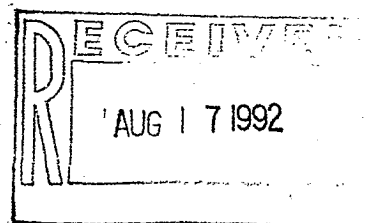


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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have established a new laboratory at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine dedicated to investigating and solving neurodegenerative disorders using specialized genetic techniques. We have devised genetic screens to isolate genes encoding proteins which specifically function on synaptic vesicle/axonal transport pathways. Our work directly ties in signal transduction pathways with the regulation of vesicle transport in lower eukaryotes. We hope to identify genes which, when having undergone mutation, affect the transport of carrier vesicles. These elements can be expected to play a large role in human neurodegenerative disorders.

We are interested in obtaining funding for our research from a broad variety of sources. Due to the poor funding climate for scientific research it is hard for new researchers to obtain the adequate funds necessary for running even a moderately-sized group. We would like to be considered for funding available from the Council for Tobacco Research. If possible, would you please forward any application materials.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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